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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*



the international application as originally filed



the description:

pages _____, as originally filed

pages _____, filed with the demand

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the claims:

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the drawings:

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PCT/JP 03/08585

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Document 1: JP 6-207112 A (Becton Dickinson and Co.), 26 July 1994

Document 2: JP 10-226688 A (Tetsuo Nagano), 25 August 1998

Document 3: JP 8-271430 A (Aisin Seiki Co., Ltd.), 18 October 1996

Claims 1 to 10

Documents 1 to 3 set forth a fluorescent probe using a fluorescein derivative, but the inventions set forth in documents 1 to 3 differ from the invention set forth in claims 1 to 10 of this application in the feature that hydrogen atoms, carboxyl group, sulfonic acid group or other substances are bonded at the R3 position.